

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A disposable shoe liner comprising:

a laminate structure shaped to approximate the contours of a wearer's foot and configured to be placed adjacent thereto, said laminate structure comprising a first substrate containing a thermoplastic polymer and a second substrate containing a thermoplastic polymer, at least one of said substrates comprising a nonwoven web, wherein the thermoplastic polymer of said first substrate is fused together with the thermoplastic polymer of said second substrate to form fused portions and unfused portions located between said fused portions, said unfused portions defining pockets containing discrete regions of a functional material that is capable of providing comfort to the foot of a the wearer user.
2. (Original) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 1, wherein said functional material contains particles.
3. (Original) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 1, wherein said functional material has a hardness that is greater than the hardness of said first substrate and said second substrate.
4. (Original) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 1, wherein said functional material contains a fragrance, an odor absorbent, a liquid absorbent, a germicidal material, or mixtures thereof.
5. (Original) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 1, wherein said functional material contains an odor absorbent.

6. (Original) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 4, wherein said odor absorbent includes activated carbon granules.

7. (Previously Presented) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 1, wherein at least one of said substrates contains a film.

8. (Original) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 1, wherein at least one of said substrates contains an elastomeric component.

9. (Currently Amended) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 1, wherein the functional material contained within a first group of said pockets has ~~have~~ a packing density that is greater than the packing density of a functional material contained within a second group of said pockets.

10. (Currently Amended) A disposable shoe liner comprising:
a laminate structure shaped to approximate the contours of a wearer's foot and configured to be placed adjacent thereto, said laminate structure comprising a first substrate and a second substrate, at least one of said substrates comprising a nonwoven web, said first substrate containing a thermoplastic polymer and said second substrate containing a thermoplastic polymer, wherein the thermoplastic polymer of said first substrate is fused together with the thermoplastic polymer of said second substrate to form fused portions and unfused portions located between said fused portions, said unfused portions defining pockets containing discrete regions of particles that are capable of providing comfort to the foot of a the wearer ~~user~~.

11. (Original) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 10, wherein said particles contain a fragrance, an odor absorbent, a liquid absorbent, a germicidal material, or mixtures thereof.

12. (Original) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 10, wherein said particles contain an odor absorbent.

13. (Original) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 12, wherein said odor absorbent includes activated carbon granules.

14. (Original) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 10, wherein said particles have a hardness that is greater than the hardness of said first substrate and said second substrate.

15. (Original) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 10, wherein the particles contained within a first group of said pockets have a packing density that is greater than the packing density of particles contained within a second group of said pockets.

16-26. (Cancelled)

27. (New) A disposable shoe liner comprising:

a laminate structure shaped to approximate the contours of a foot, said laminate structure comprising a first substrate containing a thermoplastic polymer and a second substrate containing a thermoplastic polymer, at least one of said substrates comprising a nonwoven web, wherein the thermoplastic polymer of said first substrate is fused together with the thermoplastic polymer of said second substrate to form fused portions and unfused portions located between said fused portions, said unfused portions defining pockets containing discrete regions of a functional material that is capable of providing comfort to the foot of a user, wherein said functional material has a hardness that is greater than the hardness of said first substrate and said second substrate.

28. (New) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 27, wherein said functional material contains particles.

29. (New) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 27, wherein said functional material contains a fragrance, an odor absorbent, a liquid absorbent, a germicidal material, or mixtures thereof.

30. (New) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 27, wherein said functional material contains an odor absorbent.

31. (New) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 30, wherein said odor absorbent includes activated carbon granules.

32. (New) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 27, wherein at least one of said substrates contains a film.

33. (New) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 27, wherein at least one of said substrates contains an elastomeric component.

34. (New) A disposable shoe liner comprising:
a laminate structure shaped to approximate the contours of a foot, said laminate structure comprising a first substrate containing a thermoplastic polymer and a second substrate containing a thermoplastic polymer, at least one of said substrates comprising a nonwoven web, wherein the thermoplastic polymer of said first substrate is fused together with the thermoplastic polymer of said second substrate to form fused portions and unfused portions located between said fused portions, said unfused portions defining pockets containing discrete regions of a functional material that is capable of providing comfort to the foot of a user, wherein the functional material contained within a

first group of said pockets has a packing density that is greater than the packing density of the functional material contained within a second group of said pockets.

35. (New) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 34, wherein said functional material contains particles.

36. (New) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 34, wherein said functional material contains a fragrance, an odor absorbent, a liquid absorbent, a germicidal material, or mixtures thereof.

37. (New) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 34, wherein said functional material contains an odor absorbent.

38. (New) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 37, wherein said odor absorbent includes activated carbon granules.

39. (New) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 34, wherein at least one of said substrates contains a film.

40. (New) A disposable shoe liner as defined in claim 34, wherein at least one of said substrates contains an elastomeric component.